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FOR AMBASSADOR HINTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ECON

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO CHEYSSON

1. WILLIS ARMSTRONG WONDERS IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING ASK CHEYSSON IF HE WOULD PARTICIPATE IN PROGRAM BEING ORGANIZED BY U.S. COUNCIL OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (ICC) IN PHILADELPHIA ON MAY 18/19. SECRETARY RICHARDSON WILL SPEAK AT DINNER ON 18TH, AND PRESIDENT OF FRANCE AT LUNCHEON ON 19TH, AS PART OF HIS BICENTENNIAL VISIT.

2. A PANEL DISCUSSION IS PLANNED 9:30 TO 11:30 AM ON MAY 19 ON THE GENERAL THEME OF INTERDEPENDENCE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH. ARMSTRONG HOPES CHEYSSON WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE PART ON THIS PANEL, ACCOMPANIED BY RICHARD GARDNER OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY AND MAHBUB UL HAQ FROM THE WORLD BANK, A PAKISTANI WHO IS ARTICULATE SPOKESMAN FOR LDCS. UNDERSTAND CHEYSSON KNOWS GARDNER, WHO ENTHUSIASTICALLY ENDORSES INVITATION. CHEYSSON, UL HAQ, GARDNER AND RICHARDSON WOULD OF COURSE BE HONORED GUESTS AT LUNCHEON 19TH WHEN PRESIDENT OF FRANCE SPEAKS. FRENCH PRESIDENT'S
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PROGRAM IS NOT REPEAT NOT PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, NOR IS

RICHARDSON'S ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT.

3. REQUEST THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED AT YOUR DISCRETION TO CHEYSSON. IF CHEYSSON IS AGREEABLE, HARVEY WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT OF US COUNCIL, COULD VISIT BRUSSELS MARCH 2 OR SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 8 TO DISCUSS PROGRAM FURTHER WITH HIM. INGERSOLL

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